[Ezra Rapport Day - October 18, 2016]

Resolution declaring October 18, 2016, as Ezra Rapport Day in the City and County of San Francisco.

WHEREAS, Ezra Rapport is retiring from the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) after eight years of service; first as Deputy Director and then as Executive Director starting in 2010; his 30 plus years of experience with local and California state government, and the City of New Orleans demonstrates his outstanding commitment to public service at all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, In his role as ABAG’s Executive Director, Ezra Rapport has been a visionary leader in the evolution of ABAG’s planning efforts to encompass post disaster recovery and resilience, climate change adaptation, and the region’s first sustainable communities strategy; and

WHEREAS, As a source of innovation and energy during the challenging times, he led many tasks at ABAG, including developing a solid regional planning framework for the Bay Area’s future growth in housing, jobs, and population; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rapport oversaw teams working on energy efficiency, clean water supply, disaster resilience, risk management, local finance, trail management, open space, economic development, infrastructure expansion, and many other important regional issues; and

WHEREAS, Ezra Rapport was instrumental in guiding ABAG as the region’s Council of Governments through the adoption of the first Plan Bay Area in 2013 and has advanced collaboration among the Bay Area’s counties, cities and towns, and regional stakeholders. Throughout the 2013 process and again during the revision process which is leading to the
adoption of Plan Bay Area 2040, Ezra Rapport has championed the role of San Francisco in
leading the region in creating jobs and housing near transit to assist in lowering greenhouse
gas (GHG) emissions; and

WHEREAS, At ABAG, Ezra Rapport’s extensive experience with disaster recovery and
preparedness, led to additional regional efforts by the ABAG Resilience Program and
specifically, more coordination with the City and County of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Prior to ABAG, Ezra served as the Chief Operating and Development
Officer for the City of New Orleans and led recovery operations after Hurricane Katrina and
subsequent flooding; and

WHEREAS, As Assistant to the City Attorney and Deputy City Manager for the City of
Oakland, Ezra Rapport was directly involved in the recovery efforts in 1989 after the Loma
Prieta Earthquake and the Oakland-Berkeley Hills firestorm in 1991; and

WHEREAS, As principal consultant for the California Senate Select Committee on Bay
Area Transportation and as a policy consultant for a five-agency working group examining a
Regional Rail Master Plan for the San Francisco Bay Area; Ezra Rapport provided leadership
in securing the passage of a regional funding measure for transportation (Regional Measure
2); and

WHEREAS, This resulted in hundreds of millions of dollars in funding over the years for
transit infrastructure in San Francisco; i.e., the Transbay Terminal among other projects,
which would not have occurred, had the Measure not passed; and

WHEREAS, Whenever a new ABAG Executive Board member was appointed by San
Francisco’s Mayor or Board of Supervisors, Ezra Rapport would provide the newest San
Francisco Executive Board member with an extensive briefing on the work of ABAG, the
region’s Council of Governments, and how the various programs ABAG offered could benefit
San Francisco’s residents, major employers, small businesses, and various stakeholders; and,

WHEREAS, Ezra Rapport’s extensive academic achievements include a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from the State University of New York at Buffalo, a Master of City and Regional Planning from the University of California at Berkeley, and a Juris Doctor from Hastings College of Law, San Francisco. Rapport is a long-time resident of the Bay Area and resides in Oakland with his wife and children; and

WHEREAS, Ezra Rapport’s has advanced collaboration among the Bay Area’s counties, cities and towns and region while recognizing the importance of San Francisco; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco commends and congratulates Ezra Rapport and the Association of Bay Area Governments on the occasion of his retirement and years of service to the San Francisco Bay Area; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco declares October 18, 2016, Ezra Rapport Day in the City and County of San Francisco.
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October 18, 2016 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee

File No. 161107

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 10/18/2016 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Unsigned

Mayor

10/28/2016

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

10/28/16

Date